

RURAL DISTRICT OF SHEPTON MALLET

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Including the Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1965

SHEPTON MALLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

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For the year ending

31st December 1965

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SHEPTON MALLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS - 1965

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W. J. Palmer

Duties of Public Health Inspectors Include :-

Sanitary and Housing Administration, Meat
and Food Inspection, Control of Refuse Collection and Disposal, Salvage,
Council House Administration (Letting and Control of Tenancies), and
Rodent Control.

Committees Dealing with Public Health Matters

Public Health Committee
Housing Committee



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14th November 1966.

To : The Chairman and Councillors of Shepton Mallet Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health of the District for 1965, compiled in accordance with the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959 and Ministry of Health Circular 1/66 of 11th January 1966.

The vital statistics give reasonable cause for satisfaction with a vigorous rise in the birth rate and a drop in the percentage of illegitimate live births. Though there was a slight increase in the number of stillbirths and infant deaths, the overall Corrected Death Rate was less than the national average and there was no Maternal Mortality. It is unfortunate that there was an increase in highly preventable lung cancer deaths, as in the country as a whole, but one can derive some comfort from the statement of the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health that the national anti-smoking campaign is beginning to have effect, especially among younger people. For the first time, it is possible this year to include a Five Year Table of certain vital statistics with comparative figures for Somerset and England and Wales.

On the environmental hygiene side, the reconstruction of a sewage disposal works and the sewerage of another village was commenced.

This year the Bath & West Show was welcomed to its permanent site at Prestleigh and much advice and help was given by the public health staff to its organisers both before and after the Show.

As might be expected in a rural community, investigation of cattle-borne infections took up a large amount of time, as did the increased throughput of animals at the local slaughterhouse, particularly of Scottish calves.

I am most grateful to the Senior Public Health Inspector and his staff for their contribution to this Report and continued support at all times - also to the other Officers of the Council and Council Members for their kind co-operation.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

D. E. CLARE

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Rural District (in acres) ...	47,167
Estimated Population (mid-year 1965) ...	10,630
Number of inhabited houses ...	3,404
Rateable Value (at 31.12.65) ...	£282,707
Product of a Penny Rate 1965-66 ...	£1,107

MAIN VITAL STATISTICS for 1965

(with comparative figures for Somerset and England and Wales where available).

BIRTHS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	M.	F.	Total	<u>Shepton Mallet R.D.C.</u>		<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England & Wales</u> <u>(Provisional)</u>
				<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>		
Legitimate	90	80	170			8,663	
Illegitimate	6	4	10			542	
Totals	<u>96</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>180</u>			<u>9,205</u>	864,000
Rate per 1,000 population (Area Births Comparability Factor 1.10)				16.93	18.65	16.76 (Corrected)	18.0

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

(per cent of total live births)	5.56	5.89
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STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	3	1	4				
Illegitimate	-	-	-				
Totals	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>			141	13,800
Rate per 1,000 live and still births				21.7		15.09	15.7

TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS

99	85	184			9,346	877,800
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DEATHS

TOTAL DEATHS

(all ages)	77	53	130			6,743	549,320
Rate per 1,000 population (Area Deaths Comparability Factor 0.92)				12.2	11.24	10.18 (Corrected)	11.5

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Shepton Mallet R.D.C.</u> <u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>	<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England & Wales</u> (Provisional)
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u> (under 1 year)							
Legitimate	3	1	4			146	
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>			<u>13</u>	
Totals	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>			<u>159</u>	16,414
<u>(under 4 weeks)</u>							
Legitimate	3	-	3				
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>				
Totals	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>			99	11,200
<u>(Under 1 week)</u>							
Legitimate	1	-	1				
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>				
Totals	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>			85	
<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>							
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births ...				22.2		10.75	19.0
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births				23.5		16.86	
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births				-		23.98	
<u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATES</u> (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)							
				16.7		10.75	13.0
<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) ...							
				5.55		9.23	
<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (Still births & deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and still births)							
				27.2		24.18	26.9
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)</u>							
Number of deaths ...				-		2	219
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births				-		0.21	0.25

CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE FIVE - YEAR PERIOD 1961 - 1965

With comparative figures for Somerset and England & Wales

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
1 <u>Corrected Birth Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.C.	15.9	16.3	18.48	14.98	18.65
Somerset	16.58	17.33	18.15	16.86	16.76
England and Wales	17.4	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.0
2 <u>Corrected Death Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.C.	8.9	9.95	11.72	9.33	11.24
Somerset	12.77	10.77	11.23	10.62	10.18
England and Wales	12.0	11.9	12.2	11.3	11.5
3 <u>Infant Mortality Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.C.	6.7	39.2	16.95	13.9	22.2
Somerset	15.82	17.36	14.64	13.0	10.75
England and Wales	21.6	21.6	21.1	20.0	19.0

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>
Measles ...	100
Scarlet Fever ...	4
Acute Primary Pneumonia ...	2
Erysipelas ...	2
Tuberculosis (Lungs) ...	2
(Non-respiratory)	1
Total ...	<u>111</u>

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1965 (as given by the
Registrar-General for 1965)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks & under 1 year	Age in years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & up.
Meningococcal infections	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Malignant neoplasm breast	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
Malignant neoplasm uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	2
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diabetes	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	4
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	5
Coronary disease, angina	M	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	4
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Hypertension with heart disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other heart disease	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	5
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4
Other circulatory disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Pneumonia	M	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Bronchitis	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital malformations	M	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	5
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
Motor vehicle accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Suicide	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Total all causes	M	77	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	8	17	18	29
	F	53	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	3	10	15	22

NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1965

(the figures are in general too small for much importance to be attached to them but certain broad statements can be made).

Population

An increase of 40 over the mid-year population for the previous year was again estimated by the Registrar-General, and births exceeded deaths by 50.

Births

Live Births - totalled 36 more than in 1964 with a corresponding rise in the Birth Rate which when adjusted by the Area Births Comparability Factor gives a figure better than that of the County or England and Wales. The percentage of illegitimate births was less than the figure for the previous year and less than that of the County.

Still Births - were 1 more than in 1964 and the Still Birth Rate was higher than the County and National figures.

Deaths

All Ages - totalled 19 more than in the previous year giving a Corrected Death Rate higher than that of the County but less than the National average.

Infant Deaths - totalled 2 more than in 1964, giving increased Infant Mortality, Neo-Natal Mortality and Perinatal Mortality rates but the Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate was better than that of the County as a whole.

Maternal Mortality - was again nil.

Causes of Mortality

Cardio-Vascular Diseases - caused the greatest number of deaths again; and there was an increase of 4 over the previous year. Of these, Coronary and Other Heart Diseases accounted for 34 deaths and Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System for 18.

Cancer Deaths - rose by 4 again, to 30 deaths, and with regard to site, lung cancer led with an increased total of 11 deaths, followed by Lymphatic and Other Neoplasms with 10 and Cancer of the Breast with 4. This year, two of the lung cancer deaths were amongst females.

Respiratory Diseases - accounted for 16 deaths (an increase of 4 over 1964) and pneumonia caused the major part of these (11).

Accidents - again caused 3 deaths, all of which involved a motor vehicle.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

There is little to comment on here; of the 3 new cases of Tuberculosis notified, 2 were in the same family whilst the third was unrelated both in time or locality.

ANNUAL RETURN OF FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS

No cases of food poisoning as such were notified but 12 cases of varied salmonella infections not proven food borne were investigated during the year in conjunction with the Public Health Laboratory, Bath.

During the course of these investigations, a salmonella of the same phage type as in some of the cases was isolated from the lairage of a slaughterhouse in the District but not from the slaughterhouse itself; this organism was identical with that responsible for a cattle infection on a farm outside the District which sent animals to this slaughterhouse. Arrangements were made for the lairage and drains of the slaughterhouse to be disinfected.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (Sec. 47) and AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

No cases occurred requiring action under the provisions of these Acts, but elderly persons living in borderline conditions in the District, were visited from time to time.

MILK & DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959, Sec.20

No action was required during the year under these Regulations.

VACCINATIONS AND INOCULATIONS

(figures kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health)

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

1. Primary Courses Number of children in the District who completed a full course of primary immunisation in the year ended 31.12.65

Children born in the years:-					Others under	
1965	1964	1963	1962	1958-1961	age 16	Total
42	63	13	5	9	-	132

2. Reinforcing Injections

Children receiving reinforcing injections in the year ended 31.12.65

-	2	24	2	111	100	239
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TETANUS IMMUNISATION

1. Primary Courses Number of children in the District who completed a full course of primary immunisation in the year ended 31.12.65

42	63	13	5	9	1	133
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2. Reinforcing Injections

Children receiving reinforcing injections in the year ended 31.12.65

-	2	24	2	111	104	243
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Children born in the years:-					Others under	
1965	1964	1963	1962	1958-1961	age 16	Total

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

Number of children in the District who completed a primary course of Pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) in the year ended 31.12.65

41	51	9	3	3	-	107
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POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

1. Primary Courses Number of persons in the District who received a course of primary vaccination during the year ended 31.12.65

Children born 1965 Oral	Children born 1964 Oral	Children born 1963 Oral	Children born 1962 Oral	Young Persons born 1958 - 61 Oral	Others under age 16 Oral	Total Oral
13	64	29	6	16	1	129

2. Reinforcing Doses

Persons receiving reinforcing doses during the year ended 31.12.65

-	-	1	-	113	16	130
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SMALLPOX VACCINATION

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) in the District in the year 1965

0-3 mths. P	4-6 mths. P	7-9 mths. P	10-12 mths. P	1 year P	2-4 years P	5-15 years P	R	Total P R
1	4	1	1	54	12	4	4	77 4

P = Primary vaccination. R = Re-vaccination.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

(A) WATER SUPPLIES

1. Public Main Supplies

(the following information was kindly provided by the Bristol Waterworks Company).

(a) General The public supplies of water in the District were adequate. All raw water is chlorinated before being passed into the mains.

(b) Sampling

(1) Chlorinated Water

Number of samples taken	..	301
Satisfactory	..	263
Unsatisfactory	..	38

(Appropriate action was taken in respect of the 38 unsatisfactory samples).

(2) Untreated Water

120 samples of raw water were examined, many of which showed evidence of contamination, but not to the extent that the subsequent treatment by chlorination proved inoperative.

(3) Chemical Analysis

41 samples were taken for chemical analysis and all proved satisfactory. The water, however, is very hard, but this hardness is mainly temporary - due to the presence of bicarbonates of lime and magnesium which are precipitated when the water is heated.

(c) Lead Solvency The water supplies of the District are not known to have any dissolving effect on lead.

(d) Extensions to Public Mains The extension of the public supply to the Brook House Inn area of Ditchet, and the main extension at Oakhill (Ashwick Parish) were carried out during the year.

(e) Natural Fluoride Content of the Public Water Supplies The following figures have been supplied by the Bristol Waterworks Company :-

Stoke Bottom Supply	...	0.06	(average Fluoride p.p.m.
West Bradley Supply	...	0.45	as F).
Three Ashes Supply	...	0.20	
Farnecombe Supply	...	0.16	
Evercreech Supply	...	0.10	
Milton Clevedon Supply	...	0.15	
Lydford ex Wessex Water Board		0.22	
Gurney Slade	...	0.05	

2. Private Main Supplies

With the extension of the public mains in Oakhill to replace the existing private main supply, all major private supplies, where unsatisfactory, have now been replaced.

3. Individual Private Supplies

195 houses in the District (5.7%) are still supplied with water from individual wells or springs, a slight decrease on last year. 175 of these houses have the water laid on internally, and 20 rely on an external well or spring. In most cases these houses with individual private supplies are in out-lying areas where the main supplies are not available.

Samples were taken from some of these private supplies, sampling being mainly concentrated on houses with an external well or spring.

These samples gave the following results:-

Number of samples taken	...	5
Satisfactory	...	4
Unsatisfactory	...	1

4. Sources of Supply to Houses in the District

Table A on page 24 shows the nature of the supply to houses in each Parish. It will be seen that of 3,404 houses in the District, 3141 (92.3%) have a piped supply of water, either from a public main or a private main. 175 (5.1%) have spring or well water laid on internally, and 20 (0.6%) of the houses have to rely on an outside well or spring. The majority of these 20 houses with an outside well or spring are unfit, and will be dealt with under Slum Clearance Procedure. The number of houses relying on a standpipe supply was reduced by 7.

Table B on page 25 (Sanitary Facilities of Houses) shows that 3,032 houses in the District (89%) obtain their water supply direct from the public mains and 109 (3.2%) from private mains.

(NOTE: any apparent discrepancy in the figures given is due to houses being closed by Slum Clearance Procedure).

(B) SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

1. Sewerage Schemes

(a) Evercreech The investigation by an Inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government was held in June, as a result of which, the Ministry directed that a house-to-house survey be made of the houses in Evercreech village to determine the present method of drainage, (both foul and surface water) and that when the results of the survey were available, the Consulting Engineers submit amended plans.

(b) Reconstruction of Oakhill Sewage Disposal Works and the sewerage of Pilton Both schemes were completed during the year.

(c) Ditchheat The sewerage scheme was commenced mid-year.

(d) Cranmore It was decided to abandon the scheme for West Cranmore only and to adopt an amended scheme to include All Hallows School at East Cranmore. Various revisions to the site of the disposal works had to be made. It was noted that an up-to-date estimate for the cost of this amended scheme was now £65,000.

(e) Generally The Council considered future sewerage schemes and decided the following priorities :- (1) Lydford, (2) Batcombe and Westcombe, (Jointly 3) Alhampton and Binegar and Parbrook. The Council directed that reports on these proposed schemes be prepared for consideration.

2. Drainage of Existing Houses

Table B on page 25 shows the number of houses in the District drained to a public sewer at the end of 1965 as 1,477 (43.4%) an increase of 144 over the previous year. 1,505 houses (44.2%) are drained to cesspits or septic tanks and 422 houses (12.4%) have no drainage or have unsatisfactory drainage (25 less than in 1965).

(C) CLOSETS AND OTHER SANITARY FACILITIES

Table B on page 25 shows that 2,962 houses in the District (88%) have a water closet, an increase of 82 on last year. Ten houses (0.3%) have shared closets, 402 houses, (11.8%) have a pail or chemical closet, (18 less than last year) and 30 houses (0.8%) have a privy closet (2 less than last year). The Table also shows that 149 houses in the District (4.4%) have no sink and 889 (26.1%) have no bath.

(D) REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL / SALVAGE

1. Refuse Collection The Council's Shelvoke and Drewry Fore and Aft 18 cub. yard Refuse Lorry completed its third year of service. The crew of driver and two loaders continued to give satisfactory service. The fortnightly collection for each Parish continued.
2. Disposal The Tip at Moorwood, Ashwick, continued in operation and was kept in a reasonably satisfactory condition by the refuse lorry crew and part-time Tip attendant.
3. Salvage 3 tons 17 cwts of scrap metal was despatched to the Dealers during the year, and the Council received £12.18.7d (compared to £42.2.3d for the previous year). Difficulty was experienced during the latter part of the year in disposing of the scrap metal.

(E) GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

1. Smoke Abatement No action was taken during the year.
2. Caravans and Camping Sites During the year one licence for a site for an individual caravan was renewed, and four new licences were issued in respect of sites for individual caravans. At the end of the year, thirteen licences were in force for sites for individual caravans and one licence was in force for a caravan camp of twenty caravans.
3. Rag Flock There are no premises in the District in which rag flock is manufactured or sold.
4. Agricultural (Health etc) Act, 1956 No inspections were carried out in 1965.
5. Rats and Mice Sixty-eight complaints were received of rats in dwelling houses, and seven complaints were received of rats infesting other premises. Advice was given in respect of one case of mice infestation. The Council's Part-time Rodent Operator continued routine inspection of houses for rats and the Council's sewers at Croscombe, Doultling, Evercreech, Gurney Glade, Holcombe, Oakhill, Pilton, Stoke St. Michael, and Stratton-on-the-Fosse, were tested and treated where necessary. It was again necessary to treat the stream at Croscombe. Fifteen business premises and 106 houses were treated for the destruction of rats and 97 treatments of the Council's sewage works and refuse tips were also carried out.
6. Insect Pests One wasps nest was destroyed, and treatment was given for woodlice, flies and spiders.
7. Factories Table I on Page 30 shows the position with regard to Factories. At the end of the year there were thirty-one Outworkers on the Council list, all employed in the Gloving Industry.
8. Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1964 With the existing staff, little was able to be done in respect of enforcing the Act.
9. Swill Plants The powers with respect to the Licensing of Swill Plants under the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957, were delegated to the Council in 1958 by the County Council. There are two licences in force.
10. Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963 Four licences were issued during the year on the advice of the Council's Consultant Veterinary Officers.
11. Atmospheric Pollution In co-operation with H. M. Alkali Inspector, investigations were carried out at various Quarries emitting dust. The attention of the Owners was drawn to the necessary reduction of dust emission.

12. Visits During the year a total of 1,858 visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors.
13. Complaints During the year 91 complaints were received, made up as follows:-
- | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|----|
| General Housing Matters | ... | 7 |
| Drainage/Sewage Disposal | ... | 16 |
| Rats and Mice | ... | 49 |
| Insect Pests | ... | 5 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | 14 |
14. Notices Fifteen Informal Notices were served during the year.
15. Bath & West Show The Bath & West & Southern Counties Society held its first (4 day) Show on its new permanent site in the Rural District in June. The Council supervised the collection of refuse and litter; and general inspections were carried out before, during and after the Show. The Council's expenses in respect of litter and refuse clearance were reimbursed by the Society.

(F) PRIVATE HOUSES

1. Slum Clearance The number of houses ascertained by the comprehensive Housing Survey in 1955 was 326, and by the end of 1965, this number had been reduced to 57, of which only 23 are considered to be re-housing cases, (see Table D, on page 26).
2. Improvement Grants Seven applications for "Discretionary" Grants were approved during the year, and the average Grant was £373. Twenty applications for "Standard" Grants were approved making a total of 27 Grants approved in all, compared to 18 in 1964. Table G on page 28 shows that schemes for the improvement of 24 houses were completed during the year, compared with 44 the previous year. Of this number, 16 were for Owner/Occupiers, and 8 for tenanted houses.
3. Private Houses Erected Thirty-five houses were erected by private enterprise during the year.
4. Overcrowding One case was discovered during the year.
5. Rent Act, 1957 No application for a certificate of disrepair was received during the year.

(G) COUNCIL HOUSES

1. Applications for houses At the end of the year there were 174 applications on the Council's Housing List, an increase of 1 during the year. Of this total only 75 cases were considered to have established a housing need, and these applications consisted of 51 for houses and 24 for Old Peoples' Bungalows. During the year 20 houses were re-let when becoming vacant, and 9 houses were erected and occupied. Twenty-two bungalows were erected and occupied during the year, and 7 were re-let on becoming vacant. Details of applications etc, are given in Table E (Council Houses) on page 27.

2. Building Programme

(a) Progress

<u>Binegar</u>	(Kingscombe, Gurney Slade)	5 houses, 4 bungalows, completed.
<u>Batcombe</u>		2 bungalows, work in progress.
<u>Ditchheat</u>		Site negotiations still in progress.
<u>Holcombe</u>		17 of the 22 bungalows completed.
<u>Lydford</u>		Proposed pair of houses increased to 4 houses. At end of year, Tenders invited.
<u>Pilton</u>		4 bungalows, work in progress.
<u>Pylle</u>		3 bungalows, Tender accepted at end of year.
<u>Stratton-on-the-Fosse</u>		2 bungalows and 4 of the 6 houses, completed.

(b) Future Proposals
programme :-

<u>Ashwick / Binegar</u>	6 bungalows.
<u>Croscombe</u>	2 bungalows.
<u>Ditchheat</u>	4 bungalows proposed in 1964 programme. Now increased to 5 houses, 5 bungalows.
<u>Evercreech</u>	8 houses, 10 bungalows.
<u>Pilton</u>	4 houses.
<u>Stoke St. Michael</u>	2 bungalows.
<u>Stratton-on-the-Fosse</u>	2 bungalows.

The Council appointed a special Sub-Committee to investigate a report on the fulfillment of this programme.

3. Garages, etc.

(a) Erected or in process of erection

<u>Batcombe</u>	4 garages in progress (as part of general housing scheme).
<u>Binegar</u> (Kingscombe, Gurney Slade).	4 concrete bases and hardstandings completed (as part of general housing scheme).
<u>Croscombe</u>	4 garages.
<u>Doulting</u>	2 garages and hardstandings.
<u>Evercreech</u>	11 garages.
<u>Stoke St. Michael</u>	Hardstandings.

(b) Proposals

<u>Croscombe</u>	4 further garages agreed, but deferred for time being due to economic situation.
<u>Evercreech</u>	5 further garages agreed, but deferred for time being due to economic situation.
<u>Pilton</u> (Culverwell).	7 garages, (site being investigated).

(H) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Only the registration of Dairies and Distributors is carried out by the Council and of these premises three are registered. All sampling of milk is carried out by the County Council.
2. Ice-Cream One new premises was registered for storage and sale. There are no premises in the District where ice-cream is manufactured.
3. Food Shop Byelaws Bye-laws made under Section 15 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938, came into operation in the Rural District in July 1950. Informal action was taken in some cases and this achieved the necessary results.
4. Food Premises Generally Table J (Analysis of Food Premises) on page 31 shows the number of Food Premises in the District.
5. Slaughterhouse The Slaughterhouse at Pylle continued in use during the year. Killing figures were as follows :-

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
658	4,394	1,388	1,118	7,558

There was a marked increase in calf killing during the latter part of the year.

6. Slaughtermen Ten slaughtermen were licensed by the Council under the Slaughter of Animals Acts.
7. Meat Inspection Full inspection of meat was carried out, and Tables K and L on pages 32 and 33 show the amount of meat condemned for various reasons. There were seven cases of Cysticercus Bovis in cattle (the larval stage of the human tape worm). Assistance in meat inspection was again given to Street U.D.C, on occasions when their Inspector was away.
8. Other Foods Condemned Five items of food (49 lbs) were condemned by way of voluntary surrender. In most cases Proprietors dispose of unsound food without asking for Condemnation Certificates.
9. Disposal of Condemned Food Meat is disposed of to approved fertilizer manufacturers and other foods are buried, when necessary, on the refuse tip.

(I) SWIMMING BATHS

There is one swimming pool at Downside College, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, used only by scholars. Water is from the main, automatically chlorinated.

Deryck E. Clare.

John J. Lawrence.

TABLE A - ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIED TO HOUSES EITHER
OCCUPIED OR CAPABLE OF BEING OCCUPIED

Parish	Number of houses		Number having piped water supply into or onto houses		Number of houses supplied by stand-pipe		Number of houses with wells, springs, etc, laid on internally		Number of houses with external supply from well or spring	
	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
Ashwick	338	350	324	337	9	8	4	4	1	1
Batcombe	139	140	99	100	1	1	39	39	-	-
Binegar	84	83	82	81	1	1	1	1	-	-
Bradley, West	84	85	84	85	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cranmore	142	141	117	118	11	10	13	12	1	1
Croscombe	206	212	192	199	8	7	6	6	-	-
Ditchheat	200	204	194	199	4	4	2	1	-	-
Doulting	188	189	168	171	12	10	5	5	3	3
Downhead	34	35	24	25	2	2	8	8	-	-
Emborough	46	46	44	44	-	-	2	2	-	-
Evercreech	507	510	478	481	7	7	22	22	-	-
Holcombe	213	235	209	231	3	3	1	1	-	-
Lamyat	46	47	37	38	-	-	7	7	2	2
Lydford	123	126	114	118	1	-	7	7	1	1
Milton Clevedon	32	32	24	24	-	-	8	8	-	-
Pennard, East	122	122	101	101	-	-	15	15	6	6
Pilton	268	271	249	252	3	3	16	16	-	-
Pylle	53	53	48	48	-	-	4	4	1	1
Stoke St. Michael	233	235	220	222	5	5	6	6	2	2
Stratton-on-the-Fosse	284	288	261	267	8	7	12	11	3	3
Total	3342	3404	3069	3141	75	68	178	175	20	20

TABLE B - SANITARY FACILITIES OF HOUSES

Total houses in District (but not including void houses controlled by Undertaking or Closing Orders)	1964		1965	
	3,342		3,404	
(1) <u>Water Supply</u>				
(a) <u>internal supply</u>				
Houses with public main water	2910	87.08%	2985	87.69%
Houses with private main water	111	3.32%	109	3.21%
Houses with well, spring, etc, piped to house	178	5.33%	175	5.15%
Total houses with Internal Supply	3199	95.73%	3269	96.05%
(b) <u>external supply (individual)</u>				
From public main	48	1.44%	47	1.38%
Wells, springs, etc.	20	.59%	20	.59%
Total houses with Individual external supply	68	2.03%	67	1.97%
(c) <u>no individual supply</u>				
From standpipe on public main	72	2.16%	67	1.97%
From standpipe on private main	3	.08%	1	.01%
Total houses with no Individual supply	75	2.24%	68	1.98%
(2) <u>Closets</u>				
Houses with own water closet	2880	86.18%	2962	87.02%
Houses with shared water closet	10	.29%	10	.29%
Houses with own pail or chemical closet	420	12.57%	402	11.81%
Houses with privy	32	.96%	30	.88%
(3) <u>Drainage</u>				
Houses drained to public sewer	1333	39.89%	1477	43.39%
Houses drained to satisfactory cesspit or septic tank	1562	46.74%	1505	44.22%
Houses with unsatisfactory or no drainage	447	13.37%	422	12.39%
(4) <u>Other sanitary appliances</u>				
Houses with no sink	153	4.58%	149	4.37%
Houses with no bath	933	27.92%	889	26.12%

TABLE C - CONDITION OF HOUSES (FITNESS)

	<u>End of 1964</u>	<u>End of 1965</u>
<u>Total Houses in District (not including void houses controlled by Undertakings or Closing Orders).</u>	3,342	3,404
Houses unfit and not repairable at reasonable expense.	62	57
Houses in need of major repairs.	118	115
Houses in need of minor repairs	430	419
Houses with some Public Health defect(s). (Mainly dampness or drainage).	454	446
Pre-war private houses fit in all respects.	1,407	1,429
Post-war private houses	254	289
Council houses	617	649

TABLE D - UNFIT HOUSES

Total number of houses classified as unfit as result of 1955 Survey
326

Position at 31st December 1965

Houses void and under consideration	...	6
Houses occupied by old people who do not wish to be disturbed	...	28
Other houses which will be subject to Demolition or Closing by Housing Act procedure...		23
	<u>Total..</u>	<u>57</u>

The number of Unfit houses in the District has been reduced by 83% in past ten years (since Slum Clearance has been resumed).

TABLE E - COUNCIL HOUSES

Applications

(a) Total applications (including Old People)

On list at 1st January 1965	...	173
On list at 31st December 1965	...	174

(b) Of total number, reasonable cases only Families Old People Total

On list at 1st January 1965	...	29	47	76
On list at 31st December 1965	...	51	24	75

In addition to the 24 old people applying for bungalows at 31st December 1965, nineteen old people occupying Council houses had applied for re-housing in a bungalow.

Dwellings allocated

(a) Houses Number erected by the Council and

occupied during the year ... 9

Number of existing houses

re-allocated ... 20 Total 29

(b) Bungalows Number erected by the Council

and occupied during the year. 22

Number of existing bungalows

re-allocated ... 7 Total 29

TABLE F - PREMISES REGISTERED OR LICENSED
AS FOOD PREMISES, Etc.

ICE - CREAM

Number of premises registered for manufacture Nil

Number of premises registered for sale ... 47

PRESERVED FOODS

Number of premises registered for the
manufacture of sausages ... 5

TABLE G - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS 1965

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Number of applications approved				Applications	Houses
(a) up to 31st December 1964	...	...		166	175
(b) during 1965 ...	...	...		7	7
Total ...				173	182

Schemes completed	Owner/ Occup- ier	Ten- ant- ed	Total	Previous category of houses				
				Unfit	Maj- or Rps	Min- or Rps	Fit	Non- Domestic
(a) up to 31.12.64	73	81	154	40	37	57	16	4
(b) during 1965 ...	4	2	6	1	3	-	1	1
Total	77	83	160	41	40	57	17	5

STANDARD GRANTS

Number of applications approved			
(a) up to 31st December 1964	...		108
(b) during 1965 ...	...		20
Total		...	128

Schemes completed	Owner/ Occup- ier	Ten- ant- ed	Total	Previous category of houses				
				Unfit	Maj- or Rps	Min- or Rps	Fit	Non- Domestic
(a) up to 31.12.64	41	45	86	5	34	24	23	-
(b) during 1965 ...	12	6	18	1	6	6	5	-
Total	53	51	104	6	40	30	28	-

TABLE H - VISITS

						<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
1	Dwelling Houses - Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	50	37
2	Dwelling Houses - Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	216	255
3	Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	251	149
4	Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	-	1
5	Council Houses...	...	...	...	...	406	332
6	Water Supplies...	...	...	...	...	50	31
7	Drainage and Sewage Disposal	...	...	...	...	375	182
8	Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	28	28
9	Atmospheric Pollution	...	...	...	...	13	22
10	Refuse Collection and Disposal...	...	...	...	...	47	67
11	Rats and Mice Suppression (By Rodent Operator)...	...	...	...	...	1548	1758
12	Rats, Mice and Other Vermin (By P.H. Inspectors)...	...	...	...	...	55	40
13	Stables and Piggeries	...	...	...	...	7	2
14	Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	38	23
15	Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	1	2
16	Meat Inspection and Slaughterhouse	...	...	...	...	411	409
17	Other Food Inspection	...	...	...	...	8	1
18	Butchers	...	...	...	...	14	3
19	Ice-Cream Dealers	...	...	...	...	6	1
20	Dairies and Milk Distributors	...	...	...	...	-	-
21	Public Houses	...	...	...	...	18	8
22	Canteens and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	-	1
23	Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	69	32
24	Interviews	...	...	...	...	105	75
25	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	203	157

TABLE I - FACTORIES

I N S P E C T I O N

	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sec.1,2,3,4, and 6 are enforced by Local Authority (Non-power Factories)	1	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in 1 above in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Power Factories)	36	2	1	-
3. Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
	37	2	1	-

C A S E S I N W H I C H D E F E C T S W E R E F O U N D

Defects	No.of cases where defects found				No.of prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	
Lack of cleanliness. Sec.1.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding. Sec.2.	-	-	-	-	-
Unsatisfactory temperature.Sec.3.	-	-	-	-	-
Ventilation. Sec.4.	-	-	-	-	-
In-effective drainage of floors.Sec.6.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences. Sec.7.					
(a) insufficient	1	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including Outworkers)	-	-	1	-	-

TABLE J - ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES

Business	Complying with Reg. 16.	Regulation 19	
		Applic- able	Com- plying
Butchers only	2	2	2
Butchers and Sausage Manufacturers	5	5	5
Public House Only	24	24	24
Public House and Restaurant	4	4	4
Public House and Ice-Cream Dealer	5	5	5
Public House, Restaurant and Ice-Cream Dealer	2	2	2
Grocers and Green-grocers	14	14	14
Grocers and Ice-Cream Dealers	30	30	30
Bakehouse only	2	2	2
Bakehouse and Ice-Cream Dealer	1	1	1
Confectioner only	1	-	-
Confectioner and Ice-Cream Dealer	4	-	-
Restaurant and Canteen	4	4	4
Restaurant and Ice-Cream Dealer	1	1	1
Ice-Cream Dealer only	1	1	1
Food Factory	4	4	4
Food Factory and Canteen	1	1	1
Wet and Fried Fish	2	2	2
Total	107	102	102

TABLE K - Meat and Offal Condemned 1965

1 Whole carcasses and offal condemned

Reason	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Fevered/Ill bled	-	-	70	2	8	80
Immaturity	-	-	7	-	-	7
Jaundice	-	-	15	1	1	17
Miscellaneous Conditions	-	-	2	2	8	12
Miscellaneous Diseases	-	-	1	-	3	4
Oedema/Emaciation	2	2	4	10	13	31
Pleurisy/Peritonitis	-	-	2	-	3	5
Pyæmia	-	-	20	-	22	42
Septicaemia	-	-	12	1	29	42
Totals	2	2	133	16	87	240

2 Part carcasses condemned

Reason	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Abscess	2	-	5	-	25	32
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	18	18
Bruising	6	8	20	8	39	81
Miscellaneous Conditions	-	-	2	-	4	6
Oedema	-	-	1	-	1	2
Pleurisy/Peritonitis	2	-	-	-	1	3
Totals	10	8	28	8	88	142

3 Offal condemned

2,104 items of edible offal (heads, tongues, lungs, livers, kidneys, etc,) were condemned.

4 Total animals killed and inspected

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
578	80	4394	1388	1118	7,558

TABLE L - MEAT INSPECTION 1965

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	578	80	4394	1388	1118	-
Number inspected	578	80	4394	1388	1118	-
(a) <u>Meat and offal condemned for tuberculosis</u>						
whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
part carcasses or organs condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
percentage of animals affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) <u>Meat and Offal condemned for Cysticercus Bovis</u>						
generalised carcasses totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
carcasses submitted for treatment by refrigeration	7	1	-	-	-	-
part carcasses or organs condemned	7	1	-	-	-	-
carcasses affected with cysticercus bovis but condemned for other reason	-	-	-	-	-	-
percentage of animals affected with cysticercus bovis	1.2	.1	-	-	-	-
(c) <u>All other diseases</u>						
whole carcasses condemned	2	2	131	17	87	-
part carcasses or organs condemned	120	37	370	139	569	-
percentage of animals affected	21.1	48.8	11.4	11.3	58.7	-
(d) <u>Weight of meat and offal condemned (in lbs), for</u>						
(a) tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) cysticercus bovis	359	64	-	-	-	-
(c) other diseases	2278	2162	8376	1531	10927	-

Total weights condemned

Cysticercus bovis	...	...	3 cwts. 3 qrs. 3 lbs.
Other diseases	...	11 tons. 5 cwts. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.	

